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TAGS: MASS, IT, GW, US

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF PHM TO ISRAEL

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS INFORMED DOD THAT IT DESIRES TO PURCHASE ONE OR MORE OF THE PATROL HYDROFOILS (PHM) DEVELOPED BY THE NATO CONSORTIUM. IN ADDITION, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, SHIMON PERES, HAS INFORMED DOD THAT HE HAS PERSONALLY CONTACTED THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE OF ITALY AND THE FRG ON THIS SUBJECT. (DOD HAS SUGGESTED HE DO SO.) PERES STATED, IN A LETTER TO DOD, THE FOLLOWING:

"BOTH THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE OF GERMANY AND OF ITALY HAVE AGREED TOGETHER TO GIVE THEIR PERSONAL PROMISE THAT, SHOULD THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACCEPT TO SELL US THE

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HYDROFOIL, THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD SEE THE

MATTER AS SOLVED.

IF, THEREFORE, YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO SELL THE HYDROFOIL IS  
MADE KNOWN TO THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE OF GERMANY AND OF  
ITALY, THEY, ON THEIR PART, WOULD CONSIDER THE DECISION AS  
A FINAL ONE."

2. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF EMBASSY WOULD CONFIRM AT AN  
APPROPRIATE, HIGH LEVEL THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS HAVE NO

OBJECTION TO ISRAELI ASSOCIATION WITH THE PHM PROGRAM.  
YOU MAY ADVISE THEM THAT THE USG ONLY CONTEMPLATES FUTURE  
SALES TO THE ISRAELIS, CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE  
PHM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, BUT WOULD WISH TO BE  
AWARE OF THEIR VIEWS PRIOR TO TAKING A DECISION IN THIS  
MATTER.

3. FYI. GOI LETTER TO USG MAKES REFERENCE TO ADMITTING  
ISRAEL AS PARTY IN HYDROFOIL PROJECT. WE CONTEMPLATE  
SALES ONLY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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